

Congress Urged to Reopen Probe Into Kennedy's Death

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A leading Warren Commission official wants Congress to investigate the murder of President John F. Kennedy, even though he says he believes such a probe would confirm that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone and was not part of a conspiracy.

David W. Belin said it "was absolutely reprehensible" that "the CIA withheld vital evidence from the Warren Commission" in connection with U.S.-sponsored plots against Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. He also said the FBI withheld other information from the panel.

Belin also headed the 1975 Rockefeller Commission investigation into CIA murder plots against foreign leaders, including Castro.

Belin said it is unlikely reopening the investigation into the Dallas tragedy would turn up evidence of any foreign conspiracy because "too many people would have had to know about it to keep it a secret this long." But, he added, such an inquiry might throw "some additional light on what motivated Oswald."

Belin's call for a congressional probe is a reversal of his previous **13 Below in N. Dakota**

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position. He made his comments yesterday during the CBS show "Face the Nation" and in a prepared statement Saturday.

Public disclosure of CIA assassination plots against Castro has led to some unverified speculation that Oswald was an agent of the Cuban government sent to retaliate for plots against Castro by killing Kennedy.

The Senate intelligence committee's report last week on assassination revealed that on Nov. 22, 1963 — the day President Kennedy was shot — "a CIA officer was meeting with a Cuban agent . . . and giving him an assassination device for use against Castro."

Belin said another reason for opening the Warren Commission investigation is it would expose "many of the most extreme and vocal assassination critics (who) have deliberately misrepresented the overall record of evidence before the Warren Commission."

Belin also has filed requests under the Freedom of Information Act asking the National Archives and the CIA to make public all remaining documents pertaining to the Kennedy assassination. He said he has received a reply from the CIA indicating it is prepared to release some — but not all — of the documents in question.

Belin said he believes both Kennedy and President Dwight D. Eisenhower knew of assassination plots against foreign leaders, especially Castro.

Since Eisenhower's CIA chief

Allen Dulles was brother to then-Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Kennedy's brother, Robert, was attorney general during his presidency, Belin said he "assumed" both presidents were aware of the plots.

"The presidents could read between the lines," Belin said, adding they were "not naive."

Belin said the 347-page report issued Thursday by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence appeared thorough, but he said he felt it went "easy" on past presidents vis-a-vis their knowledge of the assassination plots.